

Downtown Development and Revitalization Advisory Committee (DDRAC)

Minutes

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Atrium, City Hall at 3:00pm

Attendance:

Robin McPherson
Daniel Romanko
Tisha Polocko
Kelly Burke
David Vivian

Adrian Thiessen
Paul Vance
Rosemany Hale
Sharvin Keshavarznia

Regrets:

Judy Pihach, Manager of Planning Services

Staff Liaison:

Scott Ritchie, Urban Design Planner

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1. **Call meeting to order (Acting Chair)**
R. McPherson called the meeting to order at 3:00
 2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
None
 3. **Motion to Approve the Agenda**
Moved by D. Vivian
CARRIED
 4. **Motion to Adopt the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (June 19, 2019)**
Moved by R. Hale
CARRIED
 5. **New Business**
 - 5.1 Downtown Projects Update
S. Ritchie provided an update on the plaza construction at 40 St. Paul Street.

5.2 Committee Work Plan

Committee members identified a number of possible areas of interest, which could form the focus of the Committee's work plan. These areas of focus are listed below. Further discussions on prioritizing areas of work and the possible formation of subcommittees will be needed.

Idea	Actions/Questions/Elements
Civic Square	Design work Possible RFP in 2019 Location Goals Needs
Civic Spaces	Seating Plantings Greening
Performance Indicators Report	Make a Biannual Report Add cultural events like In the Soil, MIWSFPA, private, NAC, Culture Days, PAC, other arts orgs Look at past reports and determine most valuable information
Art Gallery Downtown	Where Is it feasible? Who needs to be at the table
Social Infrastructure	ID spaces that lend themselves to social infrastructure Promotion and calls to action Look at other urban centres and find out what they're doing Social sharing qualities
Activating Alleyways	Bylaws Private owners
Graffiti/Urban Art	Look at current city policy Develop a city policy regarding Urban Art/Graffiti
Urbanization of Downtown	Community consultations on what the residents of city would like to see downtown

Community Improvement Plan (CIP)	Should there be a focus on the back of St. Paul St. Should it be expanded to include landscaping, hardscaping, public spaces, outdoor spaces
Signage - Digital	Current bylaw How are other municipalities updating bylaws Should the bylaw be changed
Public Art	Review existing policy regarding public art and installations
Collaboration with other city committees	Arts and Culture Clean City Heritage Green
Parking	Current report status 5 - 10 year policy on parking
Provincial Restructuring	Possible impact to city and downtown Information about impact on committee
Social Issues	Homelessness Opioid crisis Set up conversations with social service agencies to better understand issues
Health and Safety	Garbage collection - do we need to increase for downtown core Used needles - needle boxes, impact for city staff and business owners
Bylaw Enforcement	Current bylaw officials Report on current bylaw issues

4. **Date of Next Meeting**
August 20, 2019 (Rescheduled to August 27, 2019)

5. **Motion to Adjourn**
Moved by: D. Vivian

CARRIED